

INTERFERENCE INITIAL MEMORANDUM

Count # 1

To the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences:

An interference is proposed involving the following 2 parties

PARTY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
Kawase et al	09/824,965	03 April 2001	6,007,622	28 December 1999

If the involved case is a patent, have its maintenance fees been paid? Yes No Not due yet

Proposed priority benefit (list all intervening applications necessary for continuity):

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
Japan	08-107009	26 April 1998	3,201,305	2001

The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 1-22 and 26-29, 31-81		UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	

The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS		UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	

PARTY		APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
Liu et al		08/975,746	21 November 1997	6,045,767	04 April 2000
If the involved case is a patent, have its maintenance fees been paid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not due yet					
Proposed priority benefit (list all intervening applications necessary for continuity):					

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY

The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS 1-8		UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	

The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS		UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	

(Check off each step, if applicable) INSTRUCTIONS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Obtain all files listed above.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Confirm that the proposed involved claims are still active and all corrections and entered amendments have been considered. The patents must not be expired for, among other things, failure to pay a maintenance fee (Check PALM screen 2970).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. If one of the involved files is a published application or a patent, check for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 135(b).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Obtain a certified copy of any foreign benefit documents where necessary (37 CFR 1.55(a)).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Discuss the proposed interference with an Interference Practice Specialist in your Technology Center.			

DATE 11 February 2004	PRIMARY EXAMINER (Signature) <i>[Signature]</i>	ART. UNIT 1765	TELEPHONE NO. (571)272-1464
DATE	INTERFERENCE PRACTICE SPECIALIST or TECHNOLOGY CENTER DIRECTOR (signature)		TELEPHONE NO.